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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Written Statement of Acceptance of Health Insurance**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a comprehensive care facility or extended care facility to
4 give an individual, on or before admission, a written statement of whether the
5 facility and attending physician accept an individual's health insurance.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Health - General
8 Section 19-344(d)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 19-344.

15 (d) Each facility shall:

16 (1) On or before admission of an individual, give the individual a written
17 statement of:

18 (i) The services of the facility, including each service that is
19 required to be offered on an as-needed basis; [and]

20 (ii) Related charges, including any charges for services that are not
21 covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the basic rate of the facility; and

22 (III) WHETHER THE FACILITY AND ATTENDING PHYSICIAN ACCEPT
23 THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH INSURANCE; AND

1 (2) Keep a written receipt for the statement that is signed by the
2 individual.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2004.